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Major bridges

* 118 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the work on the construction of major bridges across (i) the Cauvery at Erode, (ii) the Vaigai at Tirupuvanam, (iii) the Cheyyar on the Arcot-Tindivanam Road and (iv) Kamandalanaganadhi on the Arcot-Wandiwash Road have been taken up;

(*b*) if so, the date on which the work in each case was commenced; and

(*c*) the amount allotted for the year 1958–59 and the amount spent in each case till the end of 1st March 1959?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) *to* (*c*) The attention of the Member is invited to the paper [a] placed on the table of the House.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Sir, with regard to item (2) in the statement, it is stated that the road on which this bridge lies was taken over by Government from the control of the District Board as early as 1st April 1959. Will the Government kindly see that the work is expedited?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : The tender in respect of this work has been settled and the work will be taken up.

Harijan scholarship

3-30 p.m. * 119 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the income limit of Harijan parents to claim Harijan scholarship in respect of their children studying in colleges; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to increase the limit?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) Rs. 1,500 per annum, Sir.

(*b*) No, Sir.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : இந்த வரையறை எத்தனை வருஷங்களுக்குத் தீர்மானிக்கப்பட்டது? எந்த வருஷம் முதற் கொண்டு இது இருந்துவருகிறது? இப்பொழுது விலை வாசிகள் உயர்ந்திருப்பதால், பெற்றோர்களுடைய வருவாய் லிமிட்டை உயர்த்துவதற்கு சர்க்கார் யோசனை பண்ணக் கூடாதா என்று கேட்கிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: பல தகவல்களைக்கொண்டு இந்த லிமிட் நிர்ணயம் செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அதை உயர்த்து வதற்கு அரசாங்கத்திற்கு எந்தவிதமான அபிப்பிராயமும் இல்லை.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : பல ஹரிஜன ஏழைகள் படித்து முன்னுக்கு வரவேண்டும் என்ற கருத்தில் இது நிர்ணயிக் கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இப்பொழுது அதிகப்படியான ஹரிஜனங் கள் எழுதப்படிக்க முன்வருகிறார்கள். அதனால் ஹரிஜன

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 343 infra.

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ஆசிரியர்களுடைய குழந்தைகளுக்கு மட்டுமல்ல; எல்லா ஹரிஜனக் குழந்தைகளுக்கும் காலேஜ் படிப்பிற்குச் சம்பளத்தை உயர்த்துவது அதற்குச் சாதகமாக இருக்கும் என்பதால் சர்க்கார் அதைக் கவனிக்குமா ?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: அதைப்பற்றித் தனியாகக் கேள்வி போட்டால் பதில் சொல்லுகிறேன்.

Taxi drivers

* 120 *Q*.—SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the taxi drivers in the City of Madras have to wear compulsorily head-dress and uniform; and

(*b*) if so, the nature of uniform prescribed by the Government?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: (*a*) & (*b*) The taxi-drivers in the City of Madras have to wear compulsorily a khaki coat or a khaki shirt, khaki shorts or trousers. It is not compulsory to wear head-dress.

Parking of lorries

* 121 *Q*.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state the steps taken by Government to control and regulate the parking of lorries on road margins in Georgetown area in Madras City?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: Police are patrolling the area daily. Drivers, parking their lorries on roadside causing traffic obstruction, are prosecuted. Lorries should be parked in Broadway on one side of the road as indicated below on days other than Sundays :—

1. Right side—Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
2. Left side—Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Lorries are permitted to load and unload in Broadway only between 12 noon and 3 p.m. They are permitted to enter certain streets in the area till 11 a.m. and after 7-30 p.m. in a day.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. Minister tell us how many such prosecutions have been launched and whether there has been any abatement of the nuisance?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: I want a separate question.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Have not repeated representations been made by residents in the houses round about the Kotwal Bazaar about the nuisance caused to them by the parking of lorries in front of their houses and will Government see that effective remedial measures are adopted to remove the inconvenience?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: I have not heard of any representation about that.